

Attorney General discusses child abuse with Alabama school officials

Attorney General Troy King recently addressed school officials meeting in Hoover for the Alabama fall conference, thanking them for their vigilance in recognizing and reporting child abuse and stressing the need for all teachers to remain watchful. Attorney General King provided detailed information about behaviors and symptoms that are indicators of sexual, physical and emotional child abuse, and asked the superintendents to distribute the materials to teachers throughout Alabama's school systems.

"As Attorney General and as a parent of three young children, I am grateful to our teachers for everything they do to keep our children safe," said Attorney General King. "Because teachers and school personnel spend so much time with children, they are in a unique position to notice and act upon cases of suspected abuse. Sadly, we live in increasingly dangerous times,

and our children are ever more vulnerable to predators, abuse and random violence. I am asking every teacher in Alabama to heighten their vigilance so that we can cast an even stronger shield of protection over our children. If by reading and studying these child abuse indicators, our teachers can protect even one more child, it will be a great victory."

Under state law, teachers are among those required to report when they know or suspect that a child has been abused or neglected. It is not necessary that one has proof of abuse, but that when there is reasonable suspicion of child abuse, it should be

reported. The law presumes that reports of child abuse are made in good faith, and provides immunity to teachers and others making such reports. Suspected child abuse should be reported to the local office of the Department of Human Resources, or in cases of emergency to the local law enforcement.

*Attorney General King a list of child abuse indicators requested be distributed to all state school teachers. This list also is available from the website of Child Protect Children's Advocacy Center in Montgomery at www.childprotect.org.

Wachovia names Enterprise native to direct retail banking

Wachovia has named Enterprise native David Ridgeway retail banking director for the bank's Jackson, Miss. and South Central Ala. markets, including Montgomery, Selma, Troy, Auburn, Alexander City, Dothan and the Wiregrass area. In his role, Ridgeway will oversee retail employees in the area to ensure that they are exceeding goals and delivering exceptional levels of customer service.

Ridgeway most recently served as retail banking director for the Greater Georgia West

region, which includes the Columbus, Monroe, Cartersville, Macon, Rome, Dalton, Americus, Athens and Gainesville markets. He has been with Wachovia since 1998 and has held the role of financial specialist and city president in Pine Mountain, Ga.

David is a graduate of Troy University where he earned a bachelor's degree in communications and an MBA in human resource management.

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STORM DAMAGE It might be hard to convince Shawn and Venessa Higgins that the storm of last Wednesday was not a tornado. Their home received heavy damage during the bad weather of last Wednesday. A mobile home beside the two story house was picked up and slammed to the ground, totally destroying it. No one was in the house nor the trailer at the time the storm struck.

Prior to the storm this house had a front porch and white colonial columns. At the time the picture was taken Wednesday, emergency personnel had no evidence as to where the remains of those columns might have landed.

The house suffered extensive roof damage, the front door was blown open and at least one of the doors on the adjoining garage was partially ripped from its hinges.

While the storm has not been officially classified as a tornado, many residents in the area gave description of the sounds and they were classic tornado.

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and cultural benefit and development. The program began in 2004, and there are now 401 Preserve America designations in 48 states. Communities, Indian tribes, historic neighborhoods in urban centers and counties may be designated upon application and meeting sufficient criteria to qualify for the program.

The Preserve America initiative is a White House effort to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation and enjoyment of America's priceless cultural and natural heritage. The goals of the initiative include: a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past; strengthened regional identities and local pride; increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets; and support for the economic vitality of communities. For more information on communities, grants, and other aspects of the initiative, visit www.PreserveAmerica.gov.

Phil Boggan was a 1990 graduate of Elba High School. He received his B.S. from the University of West Alabama and Master's of Preservation Studies from Tulane University School of Architecture. His parents are Sue Boggan of Elba, AL and Phillip and Linda Boggan of Andalusia, AL. Phil resides in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Coffee County Commission approves new garbage rates

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission voted Monday, Nov. 27, to increase solid waste collection service rates for county residents.

Earlier in the year, the commission voted to enter into a contract with Arrow Disposal as the county's solid waste collection provider. The new contract resulted in a significant increase in cost with the county paying Arrow \$78,000 per month for the service.

Shortly after the contract was accepted, commissioners tabled a motion to set the new rates for county residents. A committee of commissioners eventually was formed to look at and examine all information regarding the service.

During Monday's meeting, commissioner Linda Westbrook said the committee had looked at the information and was prepared to make a recommendation regarding rates for the garbage collection service.

She made a motion with a second from commissioner J.L. Weeks to set the rates for residents at \$14 per month (\$42 quarterly).

Commissioner Robert Stephens offered an amendment to the motion to include a credit of \$6 for those who pay annually and \$3 for those who pay semi-annually for the service. He received a second from Commissioner Tom Grimsley and the amendment was unanimously approved.

Next, commissioners voted on the original motion as amended. This motion passed by a 6-1 vote. Commissioner Jim Thompson cast the lone opposing vote.

Also during Monday's meeting, county administrator Wilson Mobley invited any taxpayer to come by the commission office and review any audit report on file.

Mobley's invitation seemed to stem from the previous meeting when Commissioner Grimsley asked Commissioner Westbrook to explain several past audit

reports. During that meeting, a motion was defeated calling for Mobley to be placed on leave.

Mobley said the 1996-98 audit, a two-year audit which overlapped, had a finding involving six checks that reportedly were deposited in an employee's account. He said appropriate actions were taken when this finding was revealed.

Mobley also said the '98-99 audit had no findings, the '99-2000 audit indicated the Coffee County Commission complied with all internal control measures, the 2000-'01 audit revealed no instances of non-compliance, the '01-'02 audit had no findings but a recommendation was included and the '02-'03 and '03-'04 audits found no instances of internal control problems.

At the conclusion of his review, Mobley said he considers this to be an attack on his personal and professional credibility by some members of the Coffee County Commission this creating a hostile working environment for him.

Later in the meeting, Commissioner Bernest Brooks said he did not believe the commission had played the game fair to commission staff.

"I don't think you should lambast someone for not being on top of everything," he said. Commissioner Westbrook responded by saying she did not think the commission was trying to lambast anyone. Instead, she said the commission is aware there is a problem and is trying to do what is best to correct the problem.

County jail administrator Ruth Scheipe reported an incident to commissioners that occurred Wednesday evening, Nov. 22. She said there was a lockdown in a cellblock and a small fire was started.

Scheipe said there was a lot of smoke in the cell block but no injuries resulted. She also said there was no major damage.

Scheipe said the jail received assistance from deputies, the Enterprise Police and the New Brockton Fire Department during the incident.

Elba man arrested following domestic incident

Officers with the Elba Police Department responded to the scene of a domestic incident recently which resulted in the arrest of a male suspect.

MacArthur Reed, age 46, of Elba, was arrested Monday, Nov. 20, after a female victim accused him of hitting her and taking her purse, according to Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey.

Reed was charged with theft of property, first degree, and

domestic violence, second degree. Officers said the domestic violence charge was second degree because physical injury resulted.

Elba Police investigator Tony Harrison said the victim indicated she exited a store on Martin Luther King Drive and the suspect knocked her to the ground, hit her and took her purse. Harrison said Reed denied the accusation.

Reed is out of jail on bond.

Elba enjoys annual Christmas Festival and Parade

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Elba Christmas Festival and Parade last Saturday, Nov. 25, in downtown Elba.

Among the day's features was beautiful weather as many were heard throughout the day making remarks about mother nature's blessing.

The annual Christmas Festival events actually began early Saturday morning as youngsters were invited to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa." This proved to be fun and enjoyable event for all involved. Jolly St. Nick also took time to have photos made with those who participated in "Breakfast with Santa."

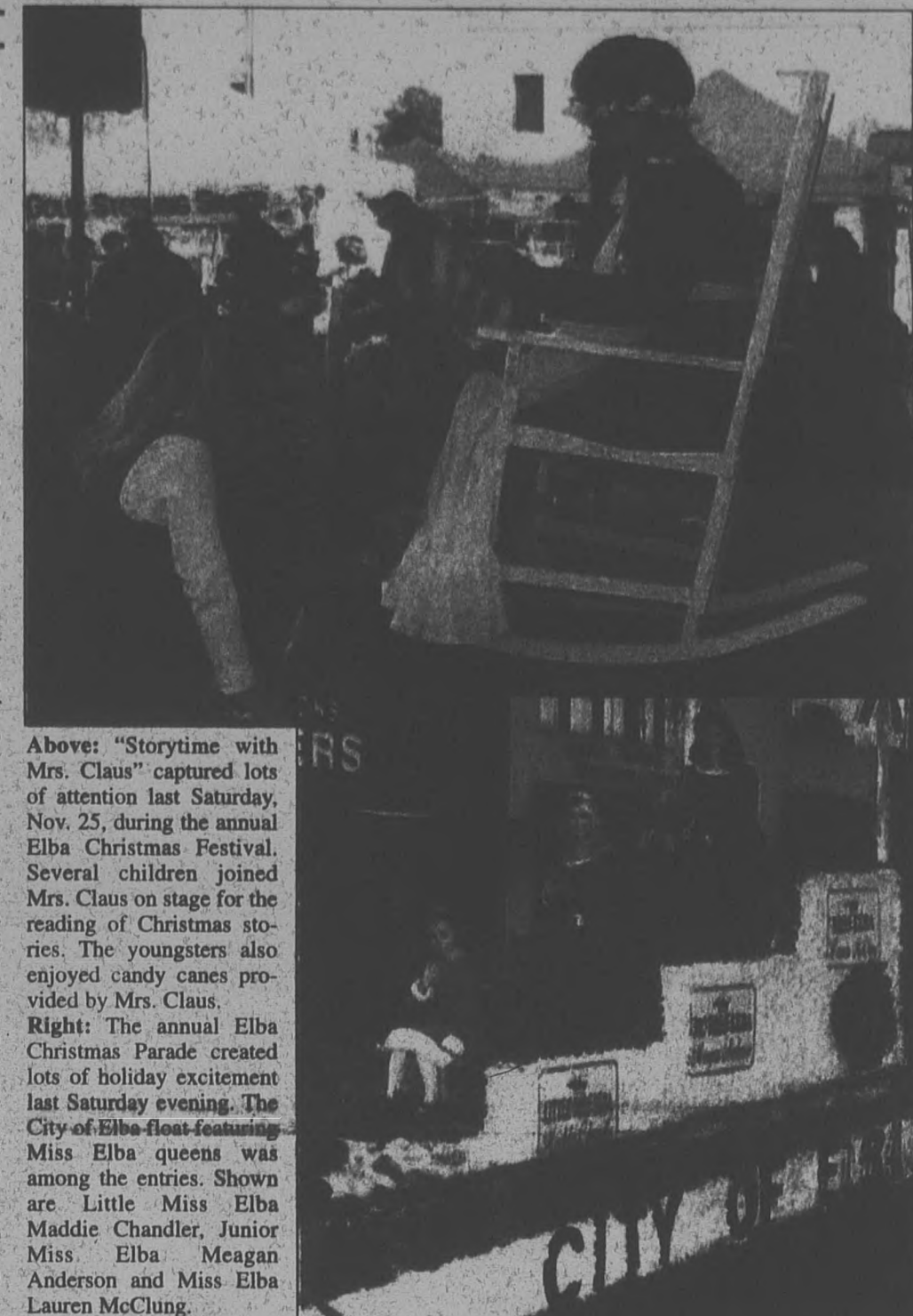
Activities on the square began around 9 a.m. as many arts and crafts and food vendors set up shop for the day.

The day's entertainment began at 10 a.m. with the Miss Christmas pageants. At noon, "Storytime with Mrs. Claus" caught the attention of many as youngsters were invited to join Mrs. Claus on stage for the reading of stories.

The Elba Elementary School SGA wowed the crowd with their presentation of the short play, "The Very Bestest Christmas Present" while other entertainment included: a countywide children's choir singing songs from the "Arctic Edge" Vacation Bible School, a community adult choir singing various Christmas songs, the Dixieland Cloggers and the SheBang dancers.

The day's activities concluded with the annual Christmas parade. The highlight, of course, was an appearance by Santa Claus. He was chauffeured through town by members of the Elba Fire Department.

Additional scenes from the Christmas Festival and Parade can be found on pages 13 and 14.



Above: "Storytime with Mrs. Claus" captured lots of attention last Saturday, Nov. 25, during the annual Elba Christmas Festival. Several children joined Mrs. Claus on stage for the reading of Christmas stories. The youngsters also enjoyed candy cane provided by Mrs. Claus. Right: The annual Elba Christmas Parade created lots of holiday excitement last Saturday evening. The City of Elba float featuring Miss Elba queens was among the entries. Shown are Little Miss Elba Maddie Chandler, Junior Miss Elba Megan Anderson and Miss Elba Lauren McClung.

Area Happenings

Elba City Council appoints Gappa Wise to fill school board vacancy

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, named a school board member, entered into a contract with an attorney in an effort to collect from some potential environmental damages and was updated on the status of several projects.

Council member Ronnie Hammond was absent.

Gappa Wise was named to the Elba City School Board to fill the unexpired term of Katrina Calhoun, who recently resigned. The term expires in June of 2007.

The council agreed to a contract with attorney Terry Butts to

represent Elba in filing for damages if suspected ground contamination is shown to have caused extensive environmental damages to local soils. Before making a motion to accept the contract, council member Tom Hooks commented that there was no liability nor cost to Elba taxpayers in entering this contract. Mayor James Grimes said the contract had been reviewed by the city attorney and that Hooks was correct.

The motion was approved unanimously. City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the cosmetic work on the completed sewer project was nearing completion. He also

noted that the Beaver Dam project was moving briskly.

Grimes also announced the Elba Fire Department has formally filed for an ISO review. A positive finding by this review the board will result in lower fire insurance costs for Elba property owners. Grimes said certain paper work is required to be submitted by the police department, water department, fire department and others before the actual inspection takes place, but that work is ongoing at this time.

The city employee Christmas Party is set for December 6th and all council members indicated they planned to attend.



Officer Dean Blair

several areas of law enforcement to include: Certified D.A.R.E. Officer, Advanced School Resource Officer, Draeger Alcotest, Death Notification, Child Death Investigation, Skid-Car, School Crisis Management and Hazardous Materials.

Officer Dean Blair currently serves the Elba Police Department as the School Resource Officer to Elba City Schools.

Officer Blair said he chose law enforcement as a career "to serve the citizens of my community and the opportunity to help others." He added that his most memorable police experience has been the 1990 flood of Elba.

With 18 years of police service altogether, Officer Blair has served the majority of his career at the Elba Police Department with a total of 12 (unconsecutive) years employment. His nearly two decades of police service also has allowed him to serve the community through the Alabama Department of Corrections, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as a deputy and as Chief of Police for the Town of Brantley.

Officer Blair has special/advanced training in

The Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting Monday, Nov. 20, for Tammy's Barber & Style, located at 510 W. Davis Street in Elba. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left to right): Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Nathan Carroll, Kenneth Calhoun, Rene Lambert, Barry Giles, Kay Mack, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Josh Mack, Drew Mack, Tammy Mack - owner, Don Mack, Makezie Wambles, Jackie Mack, Little Miss Elba Maddie Chandler, Eva Medlock and Herby McCall.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

That stand up comic, Michael Richards, who made an utter fool of himself after some patrons in the club he was working commented about his jokes not being funny, is still trying to dig out of that mess. In our opinion he was either high on something or panicking because his funnyman career was going nowhere. We agree with the opinion of a woman on one of the news programs we caught on the tube during the weekend. She was as mad as anyone about his, and others, use of the "N" word but was even more upset at his feeble efforts to make excuses for his action (or reaction). In her opinion it was time for him to shut up. This lady was equally strong in her opinion that her fellow minorities who were talking about using for money damages over what happened that night were just money hungry folks and they should drop their efforts also. We agree with this comment.

The Elba Christmas parade last Saturday appeared to be a great success, as did the festival which lasted all day. The parade in particular seemed to attract a greater crowd than in most years... and the weather was great. Of course our parade opinions came through the eyes of two grandchildren. To them the only thing better than the float that was passing us was the next one in the line. It is thrilling to watch such youthful excitement and realize that alas, we once were probably just as thrilled and filled with anticipation. Doggone it, we need to remember "we don't lose interest in such things because we get old, we get old because we lose interest in such things."

The University of Alabama is looking for a new football coach, but that is no surprise to many Alabama football followers. The handwriting was on the wall. We find people in Elba amazed at how much money Mike Shula will continue to get from the university, even after being fired. This amount has resulted in a number of local volunteers wanting to take the job, get themselves fired and grin all the way to the bank with their extra millions for failing to produce the desired football program. Even people who don't know about football are willing to take the abuse long enough for the ink to dry on their sweat contract. Many feel they have a fighting chance at the job, because short of raising Bear Bryant from the dead, there is no clear favorite coach vying for the position. In fact several who have had their name mentioned very quickly let it be known they were not interested... but that is before the checkbooks are pulled out.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, investigated the following incidents: two for harassment, one for harassing communications, three for domestic violence, one for theft, one for driving under the influence, one for criminal mischief, one for burglary, two for public intoxication, one for a gas drive-off, one for a medical call, two for theft of property and one for breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

The following arrests were made: two for theft of property, one for domestic violence, one for driving under the influence, one for criminal mischief, two for public intoxication and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driving on the wrong side of the road, four for speeding and one for reckless driving.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, NOV. 20 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1468 County Rd. 321 (3:37 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2449 County Rd. 109 (5:07 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 21 - Possible domestic disturbance reported at 6813 County Rd. 410 (7:35 p.m.). Possible domestic disturbance reported at 718 Simmons St. (8:42 p.m.). Burglary reported at 509 Smith Ave. (9:13 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 - Wreck reported at the intersection of Simmons St. and Claxton Ave. (10:31 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck at the intersection of Simmons St. and Claxton Ave. (10:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Big/Little on E. Davis St. (11:29 a.m.); Wreck reported on Yelverton St. (12:39 p.m.); Elba

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Local artists share their talents to help raise funds for Elba Public Library

by Linda Hodge, Editor

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Therefore, she said fund raising efforts such as the silent auction help the library provide additional materials library users want. She also said the more materials the library is able to purchase for its users, the more people will use the library.

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Of course, Wilson said the library is appreciative of the support it receives from the city and through state aid, but there is always a need for more to be able to provide the best and most current materials for those who use the library.

She said potential bidders can come by the library to take a bid on an item(s). After they make an initial bid, Wilson said the bidder can call the library staff to keep updated on the bid process. Bids will be taken until 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15.

The library also has prints of the old Elba High School building available for purchase. They are currently taking orders.

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Harris family celebrates 100 years of memories

Bobby and Lynn Baker hosted the descendants of Clyde and Zera Spurlin Harris on Thanksgiving Day in Elba at the Baker barn. This year's Thanksgiving celebration was especially monumental as "Mama Harris" would have been 100 years old.

In memory of her, family members put together a cookbook and family directory. The 83-page cookbook was aptly named "Clotheslines and Scuppernon Vines", two vivid reminders of times spent with Mama Harris.

The cover of the cookbook depicts a painting by her youngest daughter, Betty Hudson. The painting portrays the house formerly located on Smith Avenue that was home to Mama Harris and all family members remember. A special section in the cookbook features recipes in the handwriting of all the sisters.

The Baker barn was festively decorated with pictures of the family and other memorabilia and memories of Mama Harris and days gone by including washbuds, milk bottles, beeswax, canning jars, quilts and tomatoes. A clothesline featured aprons and baby blankets made by the oldest daughter Edith Vaughan.

A special picture of Mama Harris as a young girl graced each table along with copies of the newly published cookbook. Family members and guests enjoyed videos of old family pictures, put together by John Hudson of Troy and Lonnie Dispennette of Wetumpka.

Prior to the noon meal, those attending joined hands for a special prayer time and reflections of the past year. The blessing was offered by Matthew Vaughan, graduate student at Abilene Christian University.

Seventy family members and friends enjoyed the traditional Thanksgiving meal complete with turkey, dressing, ham, barbecue pork and all the vegetables you could imagine. As is the family custom, the dessert table overflowed with signature



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After lunch, younger family members especially enjoyed a trip to TigerTown Park, the new playground in downtown Elba. Guests traveled to Elba for the celebration from Montgomery, Wetumpka, Troy, Enterprise, Brundidge and Prattville.

On March 31, 1905, Zera Alma Spurlin was born to John and Catherine Spurlin. She married Clyde Harris and together they had six children - all girls: Edith, Harris, Vaughan, Ellen, Harris Castator of Jacksonville, Fla. (deceased), Wayne Harris Barbaree of Brundidge, Ala., Jane Harris

daughters, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

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SCHOOLS

Journalism Spotlight

by Melanie Mularz



This week's Journalism Spotlight features **Yoyesha Aundria Terry**.

Yoyesha, or as her friends like to call her, Yoyo, is the 16-year-old daughter of Adrian Terry and Kathryn Cole. She is the travel coordinator of CCYLP and an EHS Ambassador.

Yoyo also is involved in Sr. Beta, where she holds the office of Homecoming Chairperson. She attends Harris Temple Church Of God In Christ where she is an active youth member.

In her free time Yoyo enjoys stepping, spending time with her youth at church, writing short stories, and hanging out with friends and family. Her future goal is to attend UAB and become an OB/GYN. She said she picks this field because she thinks there will be nothing better than helping bring an individual into the world.

Yoyesha is a cool, laid-back person who is reasonable and forthright. She has been an excellent and hardworking addition to the Elba staff.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

EHS seniors attend career fair.

by Lauren McClung

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the Elba High School seniors traveled to Enterprise-Ozark Community College (EOCC) to view different career options.

The students arrived at EOCC and saw a display of tables representing diverse careers from accounting to mortuary planning. Each student chose a table and spoke to a person in that field.

The career representatives shared information and answered any questions from the students. After the career fair was over, the seniors got the opportunity to eat lunch in Enterprise and met with other seniors from the area.

The seniors seemed to agree it was an overall great learning experience that helped them see the vast number of career options available.

Elba Elementary School Menu

December 4 - 8, 2006

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - PopTarts, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Barbecue Sandwich, Baked Potato, Okra, Sliced Peaches, Milk
Tuesday - Pancake Pup, W. Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Toasted Hoople, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Apple Crisp, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Bagel, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Biscuit, Jelly, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Corndog, Turnips, Macaroni & Cheese, Combread, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, Applesauce, Milk

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Elba City Schools holds Retired Teachers Tea

by Sydney Brunson

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, decades of educators had the opportunity to take a stroll down memory lane and revisit their "school days."

During the morning, both Elba High and Elba Elementary schools hosted teas for all retired teachers.

The PTO provided refreshments and sponsored the elementary school's tea. Current and retired teachers and other school employees were invited to attend.

The high school's tea was held in the family and consumer sciences department. The refreshments were prepared by students taking family dynamics and served by ECCLA officers.



Current faculty members enjoy spending time with the retired educators during the Retired Teachers Tea at Elba City Schools.

Stephanie Sanders and Justin Williams, former and current employees enjoyed this time of food and fellowship.

Several FCCLA members participate in National Peanut Festival cooking contest

by Justin Williams

Members of the Elba High School FCCLA participated in the National Peanut Festival Cooking Contest held Thursday, Nov. 2, at the Houston County Fair Grounds.

Numerous schools participated, including schools from Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The following participants



from Elba High School, won awards: Tamika Hill - First Place - Student Sewing; Tempest Parker - First Place - Cake Decoration; Kara Phillips - Fifth Place - Candy Recipe contest; Tray Craighead - Honorable Mention - Cookie Recipe contest; Mrs. Christina Whitlock - Second Place - Professional Smoking contest.

"Sewing is a lost art, and I am thrilled to have students win awards in sewing," said Christina Whitlock, Family and Consumer Science teacher. The students said they were all pleased with their performance but will prepare harder next year to get better.

Elba Elementary holds Superman Breakfast

by Erica Daniels

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, Elba Elementary School held a Superman Breakfast from 7:15 until 7:45 a.m.

Each child was encouraged to invite one male figure (father, step-father, uncle, brother, etc.) to breakfast on this day.

The breakfast was provided by the P.T.O.

Teacher Spotlight

by Ashton Rodriguez



This week's teacher spotlight shines on **Leish Ryan**. She is an English teacher at Elba High School.

Mrs. Ryan obtained her degree from Auburn University. Although this is her first full time job, she has previously taught part-time at Enterprise/Ozark Community College.

Mrs. Ryan is happily married to her husband, John, whom she has three children, Morgan, Megan and Mary Catherine. When asked what she does in her spare time, she said she enjoys playing the piano and scrap booking.

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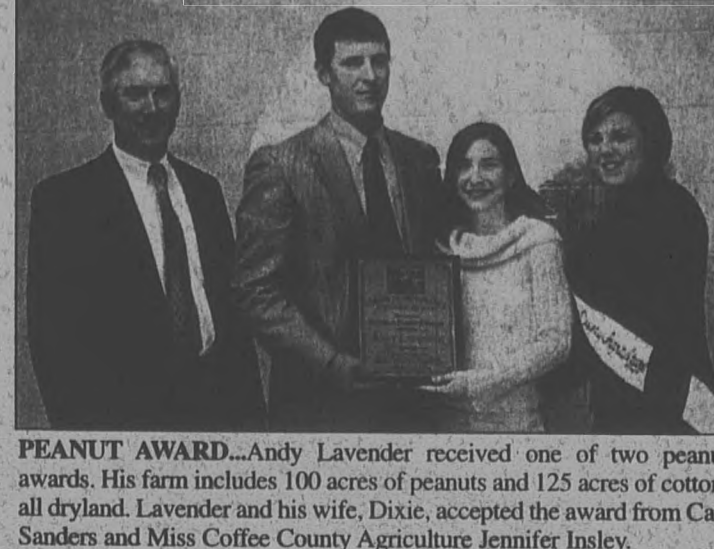
Annual Coffee County Farm City awards presented during banquet



FARM OF DISTINCTION... Helms Farms, a general partnership owned by Bob and Sonja Helms and their daughters Sally Pittman and Penny Helms, was recognized as the 2006 Farm of Distinction. The headquarters of the 3,000 acre farm is located south of Enterprise in the Mt. Pleasant community where Helms grew up on his family's diversified farm. Accepting the award (above) on behalf of Helms Farms is Bob Helms and his daughter Sally Pittman. The award was presented by Steve Wyrosdick, Steven Bozeman and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



INDUSTRY AWARD... Toledo Molding and Die, located in Elba, received the Industry Award. TMD joined the Elba business community upon completion of the new manufacturing facility on the east side of the Elba airport in February of 2004. The plant now provides jobs for over 150 people producing parts on five blow molding presses and 11 injection molding presses. Accepting the award (above) on behalf of TMD was Keith Regal. Presenters included Elba Mayor James Grimes, Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley and Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director Kaye Whitworth.



PEANUT AWARD... Andy Lavender received one of two peanut awards. His farm includes 100 acres of peanuts and 125 acres of cotton. All dryland. Lavender and his wife, Dixie, accepted the award from Carl Sanders and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



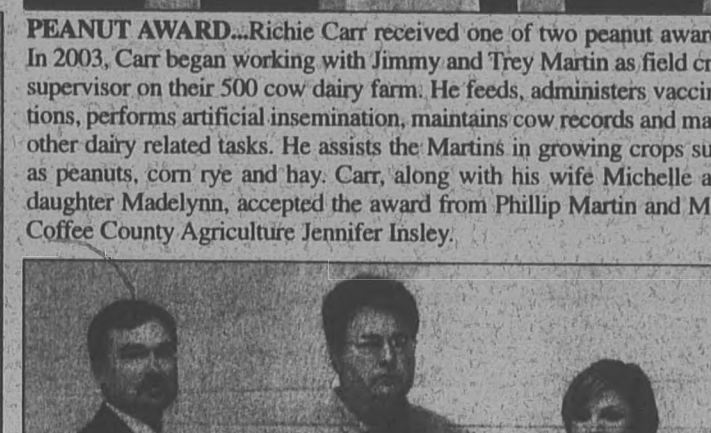
PEANUT AWARD... Richie Carr received one of two peanut awards. In 2003, Carr began working with Jimmy and Trey Martin as field crop supervisor on their 500 cow dairy farm. He feeds, administers vaccinations, performs artificial insemination, maintains cow records and many other dairy related tasks. He assists the Martins in growing crops such as peanuts, corn and hay. Carr, along with his wife Michelle and daughter Madelyn, accepted the award from Phillip Martin and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



ALABAMA STATE FARM FAMILY AWARD... C & M Farms of Kinston, Cecil and Brunetta Patterson and Max and Polly Patterson, was recognized as the Alabama State Farm Family by the Alabama Young and Adult Farmers Association. C & M Farms is a partnership between brothers Cecil and Max Patterson.



LIVESTOCK AWARD... Chris Cain Cutting Horses, owned by Chris and Jill Cain, received one of three livestock production awards. Cain established his business in 2003. Cain currently has 19 horses in training and manages approximately 1,000 head of stocker cattle yearly. Chris and Jill Cain along with their son, Cody, are shown above with Steven Bozeman and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



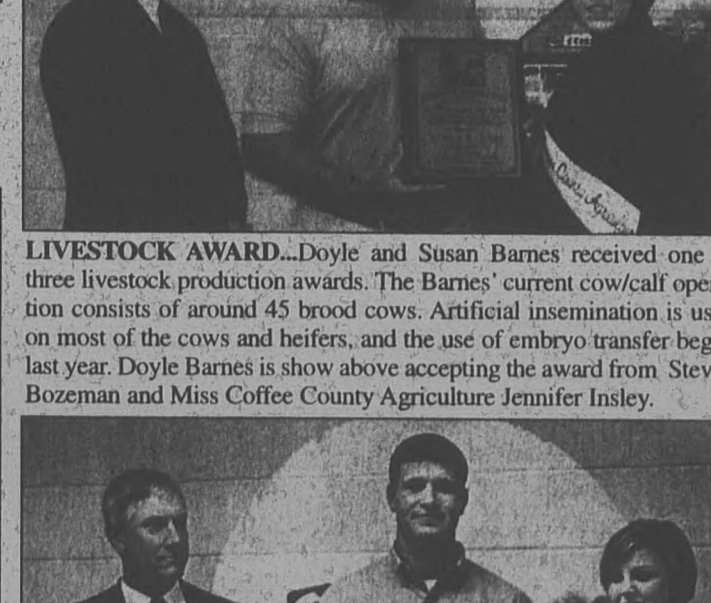
LIVESTOCK AWARD... Doyle and Susan Barnes received one of three livestock production awards. The Barnes' current cow/calf operation consists of around 45 brood cows. Artificial insemination is used on most of the cows and heifers, and the use of embryo transfer began last year. Doyle Barnes is shown above accepting the award from Steven Bozeman and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



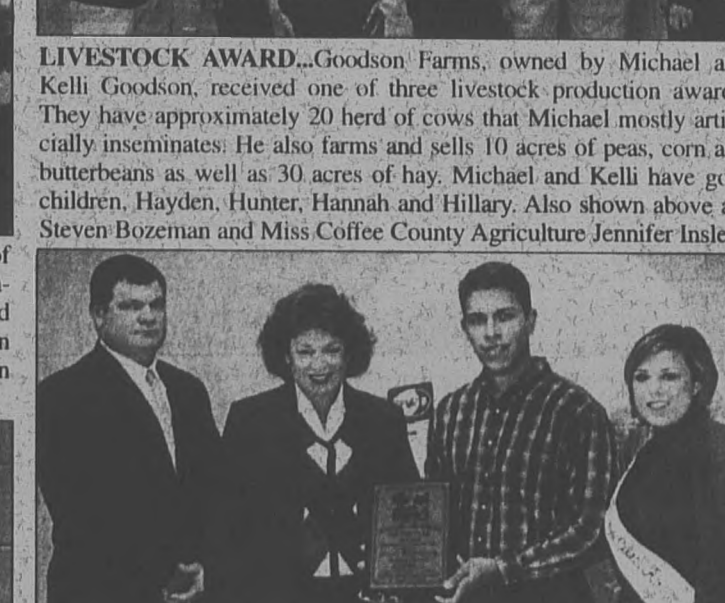
LIVESTOCK AWARD... Goodson Farms, owned by Michael and Kelli Goodson, received one of three livestock production awards. They have approximately 20 herd of cows that Michael mostly artificially inseminates. He also farms and sells 10 acres of peas, corn and butternuts as well as 30 acres of hay. Michael and Kelli have four children, Hayden, Hunter, Hannah and Hillary. Also shown above are Steven Bozeman and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



CONSERVATION AWARD... Mark Ward, a resident of the Ino community, was named the 2006 Outstanding Conservation Farmer for Coffee County. The award was presented by Mike Harris (left), and he said Ward received the honor because of his efforts in improving soil and water resources conditions on his farm by cross fencing, installing stream crossings and fencing cattle out of streams. Also shown are J.C. Ward and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



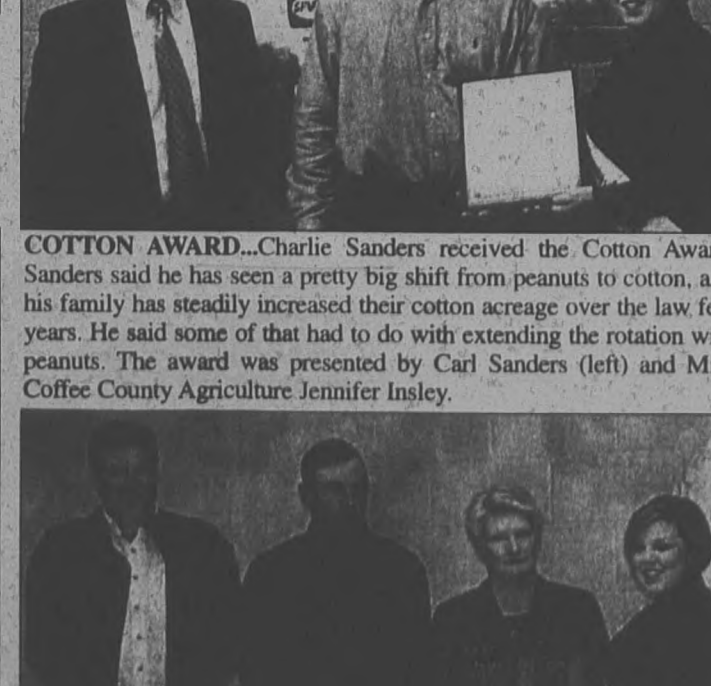
COTTON AWARD... Charlie Sanders received the Cotton Award. Sanders said he has seen a pretty big shift from peanuts to cotton, and his family has steadily increased their cotton acreage over the last few years. He said some of that had to do with extending the rotation with peanuts. The award was presented by Carl Sanders (left) and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



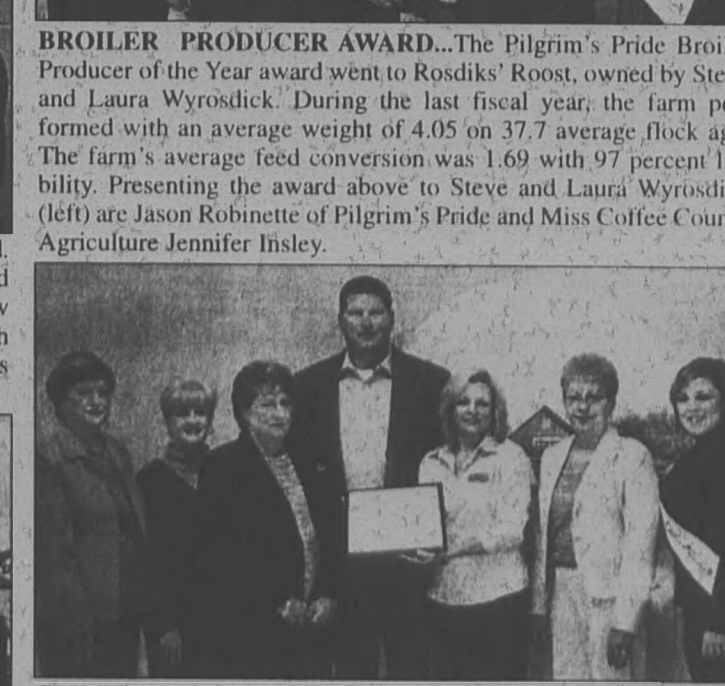
BROILER PRODUCER AWARD... The Pilgrim's Pride Broiler Producer of the Year award went to Rosdick's Roost, owned by Steve and Laura Wyrosdick. During the last fiscal year, the farm performed with an average weight of 4.05 on 37.7 average flock age. The farm's average feed conversion was 1.69 with 97 percent livability. Presenting the award above to Steve and Laura Wyrosdick (left) are Jason Robbette of Pilgrim's Pride and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



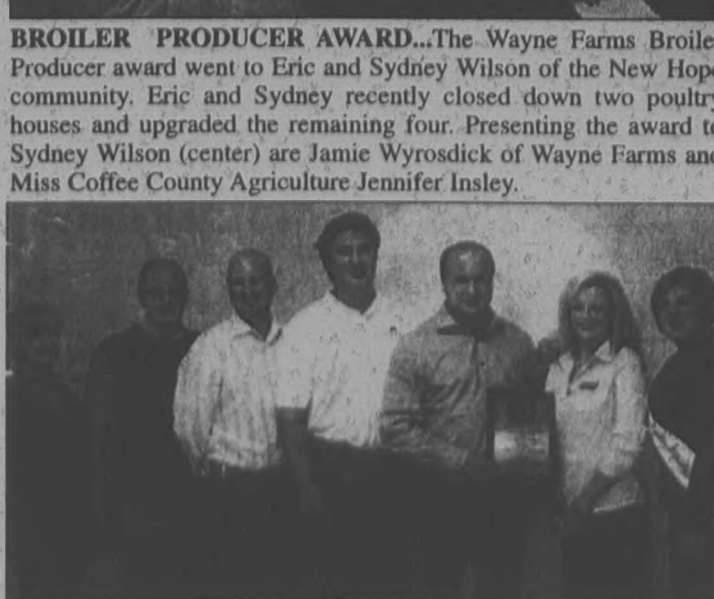
BROILER PRODUCER AWARD... The Wayne Farms Broiler Producer award went to Eric and Sydney Wilson of the New Hope community. Eric and Sydney recently closed down two poultry houses and upgraded the remaining four. Presenting the award to Sydney Wilson (center) are Jamie Wyrosdick of Wayne Farms and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



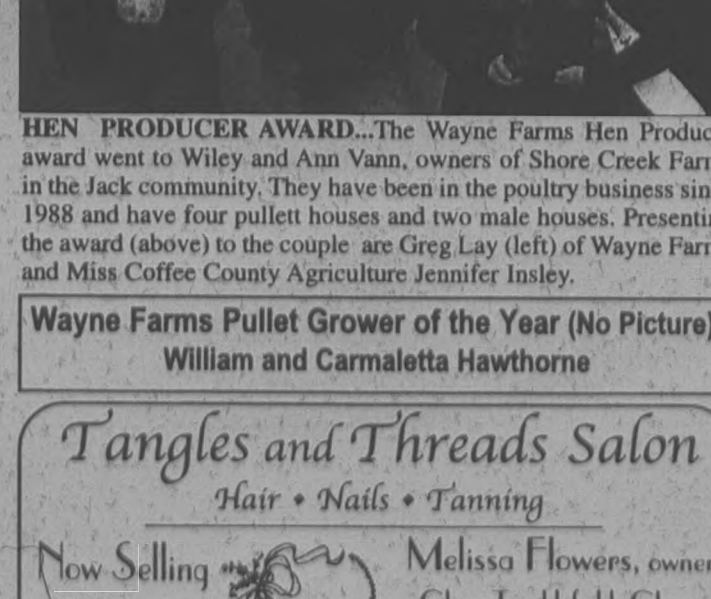
HEN PRODUCER AWARD... The Wayne Farms Hen Producer award went to Wiley and Ann Vann, owners of Shore Creek Farms in the Jack community. They have been in the poultry business since 1988 and have four pullet houses and two male houses. Presenting the award (above) to the couple are Greg Lay (left) of Wayne Farms and Miss Coffee County Agriculture Jennifer Insley.



SPIRIT OF COFFEE COUNTY AWARD... The Coffee County Commission received the 2006 Spirit of Coffee County award. It was presented by members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise Chamber of Commerce and was accepted by Commission Chairman Jim Thompson (center). Officials said the commission received the award because it has done so much for Coffee County, and the commissioners are tireless advocates for the people of Coffee County.



BUSINESS AWARD... The Business Award was presented by Enterprise Chamber of Commerce officials to Ronnie Gilley Properties. The business is now the umbrella company for 17 different entities formed to cultivate Enterprise and employs more than 100 people from the Enterprise and surrounding areas with nearly 500 individuals working in a subcontractor capacity.



Wayne Farms Pullet Grower of the Year (No Picture): William and Carmelita Hawthorne



SERVICE AWARD... The Coffee County Emergency Management and Homeland Security received the 2006 Service Award. The office is charged to administer the functions of prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation to all residents of Coffee County. The award was presented to John Tallas, director, and Larry Walker, deputy director.

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SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that the holidays have officially started it means the Mularz girls will leave the ad inserts from the newspapers laying around the house for a few extra days, and I will have to pay special attention when they drop hints about what they would like to get for Christmas. So far they haven't cut any ads out of the papers, but they have been doing a lot of talking about how they need things like shoes, sweaters, sweat shirts, clothes and electronic devices. Okay girls, let's get the tree up and then I may get in the Christmas spirit and actually write a few things down.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** Coach Robbie Kinsaul continued his successful return to New Brockton last week as he led the Gamecocks to the championship of the New Brockton/Southeast Sun Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament and in the process saw his team improve its record to 4-0. Coach Kinsaul graduated from Troy just two years ago, spent his first season as a coach at the middle school ranks in Opelika, and this season came back home and has led a renewed spirit in New Brockton basketball in just two short weeks. There are a lot of games left on the schedule and there is little doubt Coach Kinsaul and his Gamecocks will struggle at times. However, after two weeks the marriage is going well and the honeymoon is still going strong.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs saw their dreams of an undefeated season and a Class 1A state championship turn into a nightmare last weekend as the Bulldogs traveled to Maplesville and were stunned by the hometown Red Devils 25-14. Brantley came into the game ready to play and showed more enthusiasm than it had in weeks, but simply made too many mistakes to win against a very good opponent. The Bulldogs had two touchdowns nullified by penalties and saw two other drives stall after flags resulted in big losses that knocked them out of scoring position. Over on defense, the Bulldogs missed countless tackles on the corners that helped the Red Devils sustain drives, and late in the game simply could not stop Maplesville on its long game-winning drive. Former Elba Tiger head coach Mack Wood always said that to win a state championship a team has to go on the road in the playoffs and survive on a night a long way from home when it seems that nothing is going right. That was the case last Friday night, and for the Bulldogs their road to the playoffs came to a dead end.

*** The third round of the state playoffs were unkind to a number of highly-ranked teams as previously undefeated Donoho was eliminated 28-25 in Class 1A; Luverne saw its season end with a 48-16 setback to Houston Academy in Class 2A; previously undefeated Montgomery Academy saw its season end with a 34-13 loss to Winfield in Class 3A; Trinity saw its run to the title end with a 28-14 loss to Thomasville in Class 4; top-ranked Russellville was stunned 19-14 by region foe J.O. Johnson 19-14 in Class 5A; and McGill-Toolen had its dream season end in a 38-7 setback to Prattville.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator called over the weekend and said that since the local teams had been eliminated he would leave the final two weeks of playoff predictions to yours truly. Wow, this should be fun. Oh well, here goes (Class 1A) Sweet Water 29 Maplesville 13; Cedar Bluff 22 Ragland 8; (Class 2A) Houston Academy 28 Leroy 7; Lineville 27 Woodland 22; (Class 3A) Pike County 33 Winfield 26; Clay County 30 Susan Moore 12; (Class 4A) Thomasville 21 Andalusia 14; Alexandria 35 Guntersville 34; (Class 5A) UMS-Wright 17 Eufula 15; Athens 20 J.O. Johnson 17; (Class 6A) Prattville 31 Opelika 14; Hoover 35 Vestavia Hills 28.

SCHEDULES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Kinston at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Elba Jr. at Geneva (4:30) 8G-8B

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Elba at Luverne (4:30) JV-VG-VB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Elba Jr. at Opp (4:30) 7B-8G-8B

Elba at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Elba at Zion Chapel (4:30) JV-VG-VB

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Elba Jr. at Fleeta (4:30) 8G-8B

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At Thanksgiving tourney

New Brockton keeps crown at home

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the 10th annual New Brockton/Southeast Sun Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament last weekend and for the first time in tournament history the Gamecocks kept the championship trophy at home as the Gamecocks rolled past Zion Chapel and Samson to win the four-team event.

New Brockton's Dadrion Johnson was named the tournament's "Most Valuable Player," while named to the All-Tournament team were New Brockton's Alex McNair and Justin Flowers, Samson's Simon Diaz and Shante Hill. Zach Stephens scored 11 points to lead Zion Chapel.

The (4-0) Gamecocks opened the tournament with an easy 79-32 win over Zion Chapel, then defeated Samson 64-52 in the finals to claim the title. Samson 5, Geddings 4, Stephens 11, Winters 4.

Following are tournament highlights:

OPENING ROUND:

Samson 87

Kinston 56

The Samson Tigers pulled out to a big early lead and never looked back last Monday afternoon to claim a big 87-56 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. The Tigers jumped out to an 18-6 lead in the opening stanza to take command early, then used a 28-point third quarter explosion to open up a 68-35 advantage as they rolled to the win.

Shante Hill scored 18 points to lead Samson, while Simon Diaz scored 13. Kaleb Wimberly added 12 and Bradley Smith added 11. Hattaway led Kinston with 14 points.

Samson (87): Smith 11, Hill 18, Diaz 13, Wimberly 12, Tidale 7, Carter 10, Davis 3, Austin 7, Marsh 6.

Kinston (56): Whigham 6, McCrummen 3, Hattaway 14, Anderson 4, Donaldson 12, Moss 2, Weeks 9, Edwards 1, Wise 4, Sessions 1.

Samson claims championship

Lady Rebels claim runner-up honors

The defending state champion Samson Lady Tigers were expected to have an easy time taking home the title in last week's 10th annual New Brockton/Southeast Sun Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, and the Lady Tigers did little to disappoint their fans as they rolled past Kinston and Zion Chapel to claim the tournament championship.

Samson's Katie King was named the tournament's "Most Valuable Player," while named to the All-Tournament team were Samson's Trianna Reeves and Kaylie Clark. Zion Chapel's Erica Lewis and Torie Hodge, Kinston's Kaliegh Sanders and New Brockton's Hannah Ducitt. Following are tournament highlights:

OPENING ROUND:

Samson 63

Kinston 25

The Samson Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to defeat the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 63-25. Last Monday afternoon, the Lady Tigers used a big opening stanza to grab an early 22-7 lead, and outscored Kinston 34-10 in the second half to blow the game open and claim the big win.

Katie King scored 22 points to lead Samson, while Trianna Reeves added 15 and Kaylie Clark scored 10. Kaliegh Sanders scored 11 points to lead Kinston.

Samson (63): King 22, Reeves 15, Clark 10, Revels 6, Chancellor 2, Milsap 8.

Kinston (25): McCall 2, Dean 6, Sanders 11, Whigham 2, Marlowe 4, Tindell 2.

Zion Chapel 40
New Brockton 30

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels pulled ahead in the second quarter and pulled away in the second half to down the New

New Brockton 79

Zion Chapel 32

The New Brockton Gamecocks tipped off the tournament last Monday night and coasted to an easy 79-32 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Gamecocks used a 24-point second quarter outburst to take a commanding 40-13 halftime bulge, and never looked back as they rolled to the big win.

Justin Flowers scored 18 points to lead New Brockton, while Courtney Foster added 15, Dominique Muhammad 12, Dadrion Johnson 12 and Tevin McNair 10. Zach Stephens scored 11 points to lead Zion Chapel.

N.B. (79): T. McNair 10, Muhammad 12, A. McNair 7, Foster 15, Griswold 2, Flowers 18, Johnson 12.

Z.C. (32): Lambert 6, Carter 5, Geddings 4, Stephens 11, Winters 4.

CONSOLATION GAME:

Kinston 75

Zion Chapel 41

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed consolation honors last Tuesday afternoon by posting an impressive 75-41 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Matt Whigham scored 24 points to lead the Bulldogs to the win, while Aaron Jacobs added 11 and Hunter Anderson scored 10. Zach Stephens scored 12 points to lead Kinston.

Individual scoring was not available.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME:

New Brockton 64

Samson 52

The New Brockton Gamecocks used a big second quarter to pull ahead and never looked back last Tuesday night as they rolled to a 64-52 win over the Samson Tigers in the championship game. New Brockton led behind 6-0 early in the game and never led until late in the first quarter, when Tevin McNair drilled a long three-

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

For toy safety tips follow manufacturer's instructions

More than 3 billion toys and games are sold in the United States every year, and most of them are very safe. But despite that fact, more than 155,000 children ages 14 and under (including nearly 53,000 ages 4 and under) are treated each year in emergency rooms for toy-related injuries.

Remember that warning labels and manufacturers' instructions tell you how to use the product safely. If the manufacturer sets a minimum age or other restrictions, there's a reason.

By far, the biggest category of toy-related injuries — about 40 percent — involves riding toys, such as scooters, inline skates and skateboards. If you give a riding toy to a child, remember: The gift isn't complete without a helmet and protective gear. Riding toys should not be used near vehicle traffic, stairs, swimming pools or bodies of water.

Under federal law, new toys cannot contain hazardous substances or pose a danger of electrical shock, burns or mechanical injury (such as pinched or cut fingers). Any toy with small parts must be labeled as a choking hazard if intended for ages 3 to 6 and is prohibited if intended for children less than 3 years old. Hazardous art materials must be labeled as "inappropriate for use by children," and realistic-looking guns are subject to labeling requirements.

Children's Hospital and Safe Kids USA also offer these precautions:

- Use a small parts tester or the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper to identify choking hazards. Do not let small children play with anything that can fit into one of these cylinders.

- Inspect toys often to make sure they are in good repair. Do not let young children play with broken toys or toys with straps, cords or strings longer than 7 inches, due to the risk of strangulation.

- Closely supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or any other potentially risky component.

- Teach children to put toys away after playing, to help prevent falls and unsupervised play.

For more information on this and other children's health and safety issues, please call Children's Connection Line at 1.800.504.9768 or visit our web site at www.helpyourchild.com. To sign up for your free, personalized e-mail newsletter, Partners in Parenting, visit the Children's Health System web site at www.chsys.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Bullard Excavating, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with Project No. NHE-0012(506) Coffey & Covington Counties, Base & Pavement, Partial Grade & Drain on SR 12 (US 84) from CR 30 to west of SR 141 west of Elba.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on November 15th 2006 and ending on December 6th 2006. All claims should be filed at 13264 Eva Drive, Andalusia, Alabama 36420 during this period.

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IN RE THE ESTATE OF: CHUCK WESLEY THOMAS, DECEASED.

CASE NO: PC-2006-016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Dianne Thomas, as Administratrix of the Estate of Chuck Wesley Thomas, deceased, on the 9th day of November, 2006, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Dianne Thomas Personal Representative 11/16, 23, 30-CHG

ESTATE OF HEBER CLARK, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT CASE NO: PC-06-066

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 9th day of November, 2006, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Betty C. Mosher Personal Representative 11/16, 23, 30-Pd

ESTATE OF INEZ STONE, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT CASE NO: PC-06-068

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 13th day of November, 2006, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Joann S. Weeks Co-Personal Representative 11/16, 23, 30-Pd

ESTATE OF JACK C. WISE, DECEASED

PROBATE COURT CASE NO: PC-06-069

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/s/ Roger D. Wise Personal Representative 11/16, 23, 30-Pd

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain mortgage executed by Tim Daniels and Sherry Daniels, Husband and Wife to The Provident Bank, an Ohio Corporation dated the 18th day of March, 2000, and Recorded in A/OFFER Book 46A, Page 406 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama; which said mortgage was subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, solely in its capacity as Trustee, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated March 1, 2000, Home Equity Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series

2000-1 by instrument recorded in said Probate Court records; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as holder of said mortgage will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on the 18th day of December, 2006, at the front door entrance of the Courthouse of Coffee County, Alabama, 2300 Court Street, Elba, Alabama 36323, the following described real property in the County of Coffee, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:

A lot situated in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 17, township 6 north, range 21 east being partially bound and described as follows: commencing at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 17, township 6, range 21; thence south 48 degrees 53 minutes 12 seconds east a distance of 1067 feet, more or less, to a point on the northwest right of way line of Coffee County paved road No. 25, said point of reference being marked by a 2" diameter galvanized pipe.

Thence in a northeasterly direction along the northwest right of way line of a distance of 295 feet to the point of beginning (which said point of beginning is also the southeast corner of the Wade Parker lot); thence in a northeasterly direction along a line perpendicular with the road right of way (and along the northeast property line of the Wade Parker lot) a distance of 295 feet to a point; thence in a northeasterly direction along a line parallel with the northwest right of way line a distance of 147.5 feet to a point; thence in a southeasterly direction along a line perpendicular to the road right of way a distance of 295 feet, more or less, to a point on the northwest right of way line; thence in a southeasterly direction along the road right of way a distance of 147.5 feet, to the point of beginning.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incurred to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, National Association, solely in its capacity as Trustee, under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated March 1, 2000, Home Equity Loan Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2000-1 Holder of said Mortgage.

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Advertisement for Bids

South Crenshaw County Water Authority

P.O. Box 152 8338 Brantley Highway Brantley, AL 36609 Address

Separate sealed bids for the Construction of Water System Improvements, consisting of Contract No. 1 - 500 GPM Deep Well Water Supply and Standby Well Power, Mt. Ida and Bullock Sites, Contract No. 2 - 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank, Mt. Ida Site, and Contract No. 3 - 300,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank, Bullock Site, will be received by South Crenshaw County Water Authority at the office of the South Crenshaw County Water Authority until 10:00 AM Local Time, Monday, December 18, 2006, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contracts generally consist of the following:

Contract No. 1 - 500 GPM Deep Well Water Supply and Standby Well Power, Mt. Ida and Bullock Sites consists of a 500 gallon per minute deep well water supply system with a standby generator, SCADA/telemetry system, associated piping, security fence and site improvements for a proposed new well site, a standby generator, SCADA/telemetry system, associated piping, security fence and site improvements for an existing well site, a standby generator for the Water Authority's central office location, and other necessary appurtenances.

Contract No. 2 - 500,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank, Mt. Ida Site consists of the construction of a 500,000 gallon elevated steel water storage tank with other necessary appurtenances.

Contract No. 3 - 300,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank, Bullock Site consists of construction of a 300,000 gallon elevated steel water storage tank with other necessary appurtenances.

Wallace Community College in Dothan, Ala., will dedicate the auditorium of the newly renovated Cherry Hall to former voice instructor, the late Milton Benze, on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. Before his appointment as artist in residence at Wallace, Benze was the lead bass of the Royal Hungarian Opera and taught at Baylor University and the University of Mississippi.

Ralph Purvis, division director of fine arts at Wallace Community College, remembers his friend and mentor with a portrait of the world-renowned opera star. Following the dedication ceremony, the WCC Drama Department will present the season premiere performance of the Broadway comedy Butterflies are Free.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Wild underground caves in Alabama

By: M. Keith Hudson, Wildlife Biologist

When many people think of the natural beauty of Alabama the mind's eye imagines beautiful verdant forests, rivers and lakes teeming with wildlife, or perhaps a favorite white-sanded beach. However, Alabama has another tremendous natural resource — the world underground — its caves and karst systems. Karst refers to a landscape pockmarked with sinkholes, and underground streams.

Alabama has one of the highest densities of caves and karst features found anywhere in the world and the northern part of the state has a particularly high number. Much of north Alabama is underlain with steep deposits of limestone, formed over millions of years by the deposition of innumerable calcareous organisms in a shallow marine sea. These gray limestone deposits can be seen along highways that cut through the area's mountains and hills. Most of the caves in Alabama were formed as water percolated through this limestone and dissolved away materials and formed openings and tunnels in the limestone.

When enough material has been dissolved away, a cave is formed. This geology underlies much of south-central Tennessee, north Alabama, and northwest Georgia, or the TAG region as cavers refer to it. It is no accident that the national Ala. Retail Association announces nominations are being accepted for outstanding law enforcement officers

The Alabama Retail Association recently announced nominations now are being accepted to recognize one of Alabama's outstanding law enforcement officers with the "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year," or LEO Award. The LEO Award winner will be chosen from nominated line officers from local police departments, sheriff's offices, Alabama state troopers and any other state or federal law enforcement agency in Alabama.

The award will be presented Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at the Capital City Club in Montgomery. Individuals who would like to nominate a deserving law enforcement officer should include the following: A letter of recommendation from the officer's department head or supervisor; A brief summary of

achievements and performance. Outstanding or significant achievements directly related to law enforcement responsibilities. Any supporting documentation, such as letters of commendation; or newspaper clippings.

This information will be used in the selection of the LEO winner. The selection committee will be made up

COMMUNITY NEWS



Pictured LTC. (Ret.) Raymond Bosworth, San Antonio, Texas; Colonel Windy Martinson, Medical Services Corps Garrison Commander, Fort Sam Houston Texas; and Colonel James Nichols, Elba, Alabama

LTC.(ret.) James Nichols attends Medical Service Corps reunion at Ft. Sam Houston Texas

LTC. (ret.) James Nichols recently attended a Medical Service Corps reunion at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Also at the reunion was his best and oldest Army friend, LTC. (ret.) Ray Bosworth. Colonel Nichols first met Colonel Bosworth in 1953 when they were classmates at Fort Sill, Oklahoma at the Army Helicopter Flight Training School. They had both previously served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. Bosworth from New Hampshire and Nichols from Georgia.

Through the years, they crossed paths many times in Korea, at the U. S. Army Aviation Test Board at Fort Rucker, Viet Nam and several tours at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, one replacing the other on many of their assignments. They were among the very first

Smith selected Teacher of The Year

Dusty Smith has been selected as the Seminole County, Ga., Middle/High School Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Smith has the following to contribute on his selection. "It is truly an honor to be chosen as Teacher of the Year at Seminole County Middle/High School for the 2006-07 school year. I grew up in the small town of Elba, Alabama. My mother is a sixth grade teacher and my father is a retired oil rig technician. The small cattle farm started by my father some twenty years ago has now become a purebred Brangus operation. Growing up on a small farm taught me the value of hard work and also instilled in me a true love for agriculture. I graduated from Elba High School and then attended Enterprise State Junior College for two years, after which I transferred to Auburn University and majored in Agricultural Education."

"After graduation, my first teaching job was in Seminole County. I truly believe that it was God's will for my wife and me to move to the community. My wife is Heather (Dubose) Smith and she is a charge nurse at Donalsonville Hospital. We have one daughter, BethAnn, who is 17 months old. We are truly blessed to live in a community with so many good people that believe in education and agriculture. I really enjoy teaching in Seminole County and it is hard to believe that it has already been seven years since I started. I am extremely proud to have been chosen by my peers for this prestigious honor."

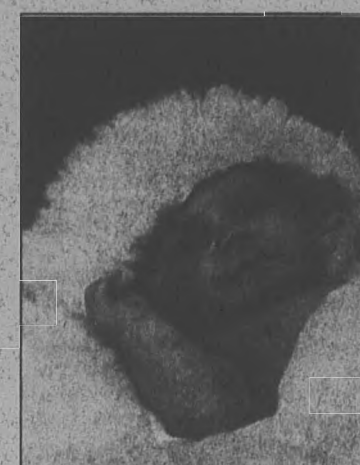
Medical Service Corps officers to attend rotary wing flight school and neither had prior flying experience. Colonel Nichols graduated number one in the class and was assigned as a flight instructor. He was one of the first rotary flight instructors assigned to then Camp Rucker. Recently, they were awarded the "Solo Flight Medalion" (shown in the photo). It is awarded only to those Medical Service Corps pilots that flew solo missions in a helicopter/ambulance configured with external litter pods. The litter pods were used to transport U. S. military patients between 1952-1959. Colonel Bosworth and Colonel Nichols also became Master Army Aviators in 1968.



ELBA BOY SCOUTS, PACK 37, DEN 1 members stopped a moment for the camera as they prepared publicity letters for their fundraiser slated for Saturday in downtown Elba. Pictured are 1 to r, front row: J Cole Spicer, Kennedy Neil Amison, John Gray, Hayden Chandler, back row: Tripp Hudson, Ward Brunson, Taft Logan, Clark Logan, Chase Mosley and leader Ceina Spicer. The scouts will be hosting a huge sale on Saturday, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm on the square in downtown Elba. Clothes, Christmas décor, household items, mattress and box springs, furniture and much more will be available. Donations are welcome and tax deductible. All proceeds will be used to benefit the scouts' Elba community service projects in the coming year.

NEW ARRIVAL

ADISON-GRACE
MISHELLE LEWIS



Adison-Grace Michelle Lewis

Mike and Susan (Sutley) Lewis announce the birth of their daughter, Adison-Grace Michelle, born September 26, 2006 in Troy. Adison-Grace weighed 7 lbs. 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Ms. Avalene Sutley of Luverne (formerly of Elba) and the late Fred Sutley, Ms. Margarette Lewis and the late J.C. Lewis of Elba. Godparents are James and Vicki Furr of Brantley, AL.

All Alabamians are encouraged to take flu shot

The health department expects to receive additional doses of influenza vaccine in the coming weeks, and all Alabamians are encouraged to be immunized. County health departments are expected to have more than 100,000 doses of influenza vaccine available statewide. These doses represent the final shipments on orders placed by the department.

Flu clinics in county health departments will be held the weeks of Nov. 27-Dec. 1 and Dec. 4-8. Usually influenza disease in Alabama peaks in the months of January and February, so being vaccinated in December is not too late for protection from influenza. Please contact your local county health department for flu clinic dates and times.

In the past two to three weeks the Alabama Department of Public Health has been seeing sustained regional activity within two areas of the state, the Mobile-Baldwin county area and southeast Alabama. The CDC recommends vaccinations for anyone who wants to decrease the risk of influenza. While anyone can get influenza those with chronic illnesses and pregnant women are at highest risk for complications. In addition, those in close contact with these high-risk persons are also at increased risk and should get vaccinated.

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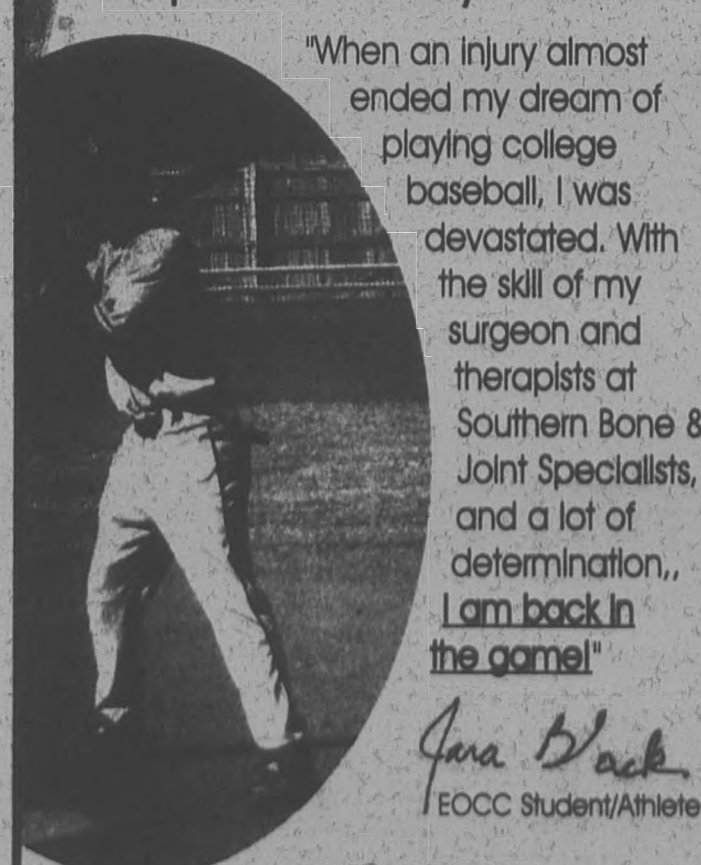
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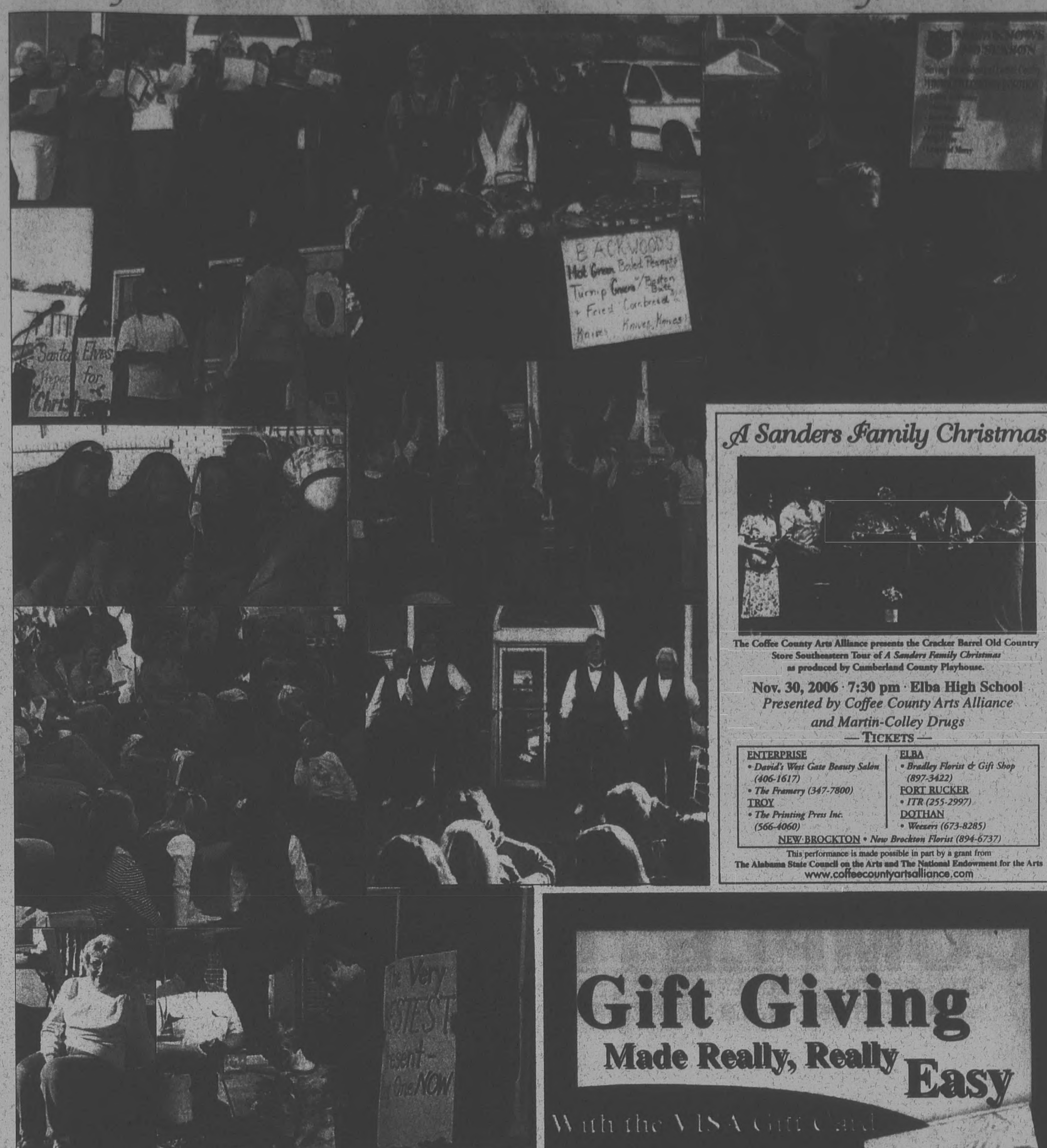
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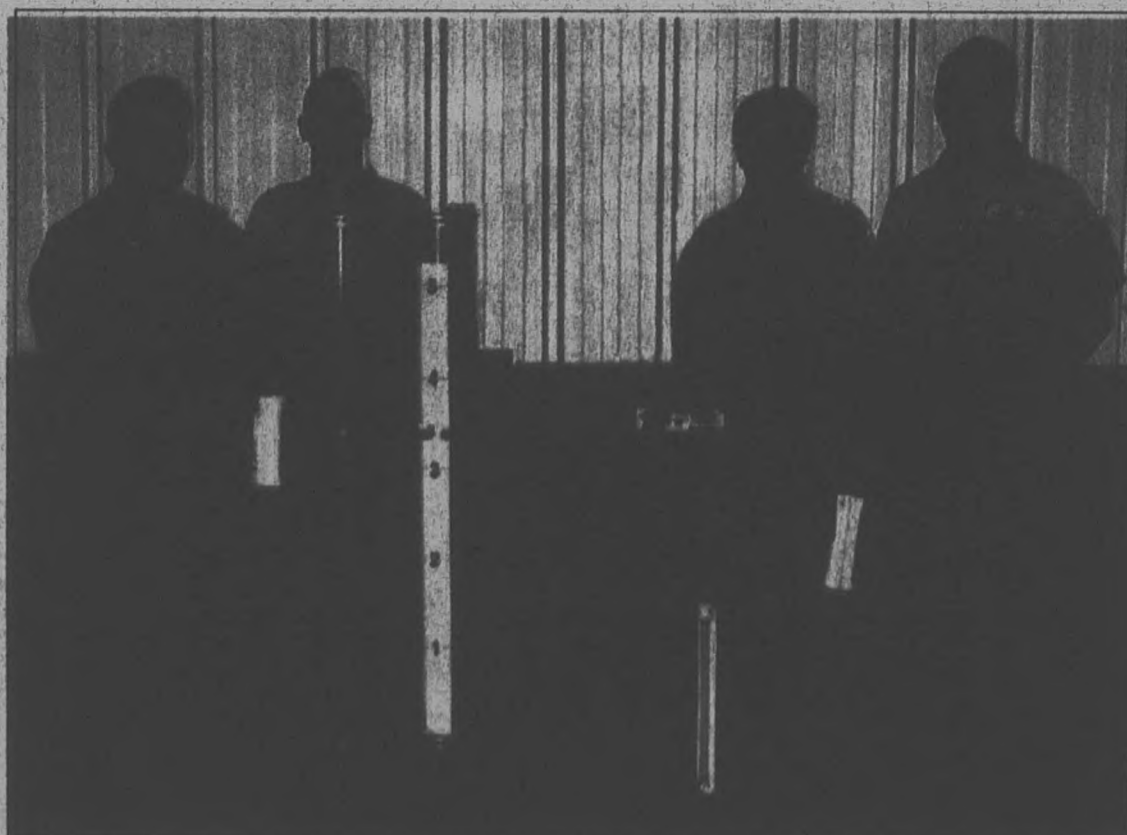
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